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SUBJ: MALI OFFICIAL MEDIA JUSTIFY CHIEF OF STATE'S
ARMY DAY SPEECH

1. RADIO MALI LAST NIGHT (JAN 22) AND OFFICIAL DAILY
L'ESSOR TODAY (JAN 23) PRODUCED SAME EDITORIAL JUSTIFYING
CHIEF OF STATE'S REFERENCES TO BORDER SITUATION DURING JAN
20 ARMY DAY SPEECH (SEEBAMAKO 280). IN LONG INTRODUCTION
MEDIA SAID PRESIDENT COULD NOT ADDRESS ARMY OFFICERS AND MEN
WITHOUT REFERRING TO THE BORDER DISPUTE AND THE QUOTE
SITUATION WHICH THE MALIAN RESIDENTS IN UPPER VOLTA FACE
UNQUOTE.

2. SITUATION OFTEN DESCRIBED BY UPPER VOLTANS
AND MALIANS WAS REFTED BY RADIO OUAGADOUGOU, CONTAINED
EDITORIAL, AND MALIAN MEDIA BREAK SILENCE AGREED TO IN
LOME TO COMMENT ON HARRASSMENT SO THAT HISTORY CAN
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JUDGE THE PROOF.

3. EDITORIAL SAID ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL CLAIMS OF LOME NEGOTIATIONS (PROTECTION OF MALIANS IN UPPER VOLTA) QUOTE HAS BEEN BROKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES OF OUAGADOUGOU UNQUOTE. SINCE THE LOME ACCORD, SACKING, RAPING AND KILLINGS CONTINUE, A MALIAN CHILD WAS KILLED BY MACHETE BLOWS IN FRONT OF THE L'EAU VIVE RESTAURANT, MALIAN TRAVELLERS IN TRANSIT HAVE BEEN DETAINED, AND RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM RETURNING TO THEIR MALIAN HOMELAND. EDITORIALS SAID MALIAN OFFICIALS OF CEAO ARRESTED AND ONLY RELEASED AFTER INTERVENTION PRESIDENT SEYNI KOUNTCHEW.

4. EDITORIALS CONCLUDED BY SAYING MALI WILL REACT WHERE AND WHEN NECESSARY AND THAT COUNTRY SERENELY AWAITS CONCLUSIONS OF QUADRIPARTITE COMMISSION.

5. COMMENT: SINCE SITUATION BECAME SERIOUS IN EARLY DECEMBER, RADIO MALI HAS FREQUENTLY BROADCAST NAMES OF HUNDREDS OF CONTRIBUTORS OF CASH AND GOODS AND AMOUNTS GIVEN TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE FUND. SOME CONTRIBUTIONS OF 10 MILLION MALI FRANCS (ABOUT 22,000 DOLLARS) BUT MOST SMALLER. NOON RADIO BROADCAST TODAY REPORTED DONATIONS OF CATTLE, GRAIN, GOATS AND CASH COMING FROM OUTLYING VILLAGES. EMBASSY UNAWARE AT THIS POINT WHETHER DONATIONS SOLICITED OR PURELY SPONTANEOUS GESTURES OF SOLIDARITY.

ARMED FORCES IN BAMAKO ARE ON ALERT. FOR FIRST TIME SINCE OUTBREAK OF DISPUTE RUMOURS BEGINNING IN BAMAKO ABOUT REPRISALS AGAINST VOLTANS LIVING HERE, AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF EXODUS OF UPPER VOLTAN NATIONS. THUS FAR, NO INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. MCGUIRE

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